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SUBJ: INCREASED NUMBER OF PERSONS EXITING PRC

REF: HONG KONG 5625 (NOTAL)

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO REFTTEL, HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT HAS
PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUDDEN OUT-
FLOW OF EMIGRANTS FROM PRC IN LAST TWO MONTHS.

2. DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

TOTAL PRC ARRIVALS
MONTH: JAN 1978 FEB. 1978 MARCH 1978 APRIL
(A) TOTAL PRC RESIDENTS
(EMIGRANTS) ENTERING
HONG KONG 2691 2406 3142 3805
(B) HOLDERS OF PRC
PASSPORTS 147 214 407 653
(C) BOUND FOR USA 18 59 63 160
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(D) OF WHOM HOLDING USG
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NOTE: HOLDERS OF PRC PASSPORTS ARE USUALLY THOSE EMIGRANTS
BOUND FOR THIRD COUNTRIES BEYOND HONG KONG. SUCH

PASSPORTS ALWAYS INDICATE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH TRAVEL
VALID, AND FORMS BASIS FOR ABOVE DATA. BREAKDOWN OF
TOTAL INDICATE WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES INVOLVED FOLLOWS
BELOW.

3. OF THOSE POERSON OSTENSIBLY BOUND FOR U.S.N APPEARS INCREASING
NUMBER ARE IN YOUNGER AGE CATEGORIES:

AGE 1 - 25	6	30	32	100
AGE 26- 45	4	13	12	44
AGE OVER 45	8	16	19	16

4. GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN OF EMIGRANTS SEEMS TO BE MORE DIVERSE.
ALTHOUGH MOST ARE FROM FROM USUAL PLACES OF ORIGIN, I.E.
KWANGTUNG, SHANGHAI; STARTING IN FEBRUARY PERSONS FROM OTHER
AREAS BEGAN EXITING. THESE AREAS INCLUDED: KUN MING (YUNNAN),
EANNING (KWANGSI), SZECHWAN, CHI NAN (SHANTUNG), CHEKIANG,
AND (IN APRIL PEKING AND EARBIN.

5. SIXTEEN OTHER COUNTRIES WERE LISTED AS DESTINATIONS OF
EMIGRANTS IN COLUMN B PARA 2 ABOVE. TWO COUNTRIES LEAD
THE LIST:

COUNTRY	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL
CANADA	34	41	18	66
PHILIPPINES	87	85	269	362

6. OF TOTAL EMIGRANTS LISTED COLUMN (A) PARA 2 ABOVE, NOTE THAT
MAJORITY TRAVELLING ON PRC EXIT PERMITS ONLY. ACCORDING TO
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HKID THESE PERSONS DO NOT HAVE APPROVAL FOR ONWARD TRAVEL
TO THIRD COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH MANY REPORTEDLY HAVE RELATIVES
ABROAD, INCLUDING U.S., WHO THEY INTEND JOINING.

7. AS OF THIS DATE WE HAVE 6,436 CASES ON FILE INVOLVING 17,925
PERSONS RESIDENT IN PRC. PETITIONS FOR PRC-RESIDENT BENEFICIARIES
COMING IN ON AVERAGE OF OVER 100 PER MONTH INVOLVING 250-300
PERSONS.

8. FOR MANILA: HKID REPORTS MOST PHILIPPINES-BOUND EMIGRANTS
ARRIVING HERE WITHOUT PR VISAS. HKG IS IN PROCESS
OF TAKING UP MATTER WITH PHILIPPINE CONGEN.
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